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FOR AMBASSADOR BYROADE

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TAGS: PFOR, MASS, PK, US

SUBJECT: A-7 PLANT VISIT

REF: ISLAMABAD 629 (NOTAL)

1. THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD NO LONGER OPPOSE A VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY BY A PAF TEAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSPECTING THE A-7. GIVEN HIS EARLIER PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, AND FURTHER TO YOUR DISCUSSION OF JANUARY 20 WITH AZIZ AHMED (ISLAMABAD 629), YOU SHOULD INFORM HIM OF THIS DECISION, USING THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

-- WE ARE AWARE THAT THE PAF HAS BEEN CONSIDERING THE MERITS OF CERTAIN NON-U.S. AIRCRAFT FOR POSSIBLE PURCHASE BY THE GOP. WE NOW THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PAKISTAN'S AIR FORCE PLANNERS TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO INSPECT U.S. AIRCRAFT FIRST HAND.

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AIRCRAFT FIRST HAND.

-- THE USG, THEREFORE, HAS NO OBJECTION TO A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES BY A PAF TEAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSPECTING THE A-7.

-- IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ARE ALSO PREPARED TO APPROVE THE EXPORT TO PAKISTAN OF UNCLASSIFIED TECHNICAL DATA ON A-7, THE F-5E AND THE A-4. THESE ARE AIRCRAFT FOR WHICH U.S. MANUFACTURERS HAD PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED LICENSES FOR THE EXPORT OF UNCLASSIFIED TECHNICAL DATA.

-- WE ARE INFORMING LTV OF THIS DECISION, AND WOULD EXPECT LTV AND THE GOP TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS OF SUCH A VISIT.

2. IF AZIZ AHMED ASKS WHETHER WE WISH TO KEEP THIS VISIT CONFIDENTIAL, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT, AS A ROUTINE INSPECTION TOUR HOSTED BY A COMMERCIAL CONTRACTOR, WE WOULD NOT EXPECT THE VISIT TO ATTRACT ANY IMMEDIATE PUBLIC NOTICE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE PREPARED TO ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLICLY ON AN "IF ASKED" BASIS THAT WE HAVE RAISED NO OBJECTIONS TO THE VISIT. WE WOULD ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE APPROVED THE RELEASE TO PAKISTAN OF UNCLASSIFIED TECHNICAL DATA ON CERTAIN U.S. AIRCRAFT. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THIS DOES NOT MEAN ANY DECISION ON THE ACTUAL SALE OF AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN MADE. SISCO

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